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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 66
3 seconds; and

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise with 5.4
5 million Americans currently living with the disease and an
6 estimated 16 million Americans projected to be diagnosed with
7 the disease by 2050; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, 220,000 people in Illinois live with
9 the disease; there will be 260,000 in just nine years; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease will cost Illinois \$1.53
11 billion in Medicaid funding in 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
13 death, more than breast and prostate cancer combined, and an
14 unrelenting, progressive condition that destroys brain cells;
15 currently, no cure or even a way to slow the progression of the
16 disease exists; Alzheimer's places significant financial
17 burdens on families and businesses, with businesses losing
18 billions a year in lost productivity and replacement expenses
19 for employees who miss work or quit to care for a relative; and

20 WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2015, there were 590,000 Illinois

1 family members and friends who provided over 671 million hours
2 of unpaid care, valued at \$8.22 billion, to their loved ones
3 with Alzheimer's and other dementia; and

4 WHEREAS, The impact of Alzheimer's and other dementia on
5 Illinois families, the health care system, and society as a
6 whole is of great importance; the need for home and
7 community-based services for those with Alzheimer's is on the
8 rise and caregiver stress is at an all-time high; and

9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a looming public health
10 crisis and we call upon all policy makers to join in the
11 efforts to raise awareness and to serve the hundreds of
12 thousands of persons with Alzheimer's and other dementia in
13 Illinois, their families, and caregivers; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 14, 2016, Alzheimer's advocates will
15 speak up for the needs and rights of people with Alzheimer's
16 and their families and ask the Illinois legislature to make
17 Alzheimer's disease a priority public health issue in the State
18 of Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 proclaim April 14, 2016 as the Annual Alzheimer's Association
22 Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois.